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SUBJ: ROK VICE FONMIN'S TRIP TO PANAMA

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1. ROK FIRST SECRETARY SUK KYU KIM, WHO HANDLES
LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS FOR KOREANS AT UN AND RECENTLY ATTENDED
PANAMA SC MEETING, TOLD MISOFF MARCH 30 THAT EVEN THOUGH ROK
VICE FONMIN YUN'S
TRIP TO PANAMA COINCIDED WITH SC MEETING, IT HAD NEVERTHELESS
"GONE VERY WELL". KIM SAID NEW CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC AGREE-
MENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND PANAMA HAS AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE"
TO SET UP EMBASSY IN SEOUL. PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
REASSERTED IN GENERAL TERMS PANAMA'S SUPPORT OF KOREAN POSITION
IN UNGA. VICE FONMIN YUN DID NOT RPT NOT RAISE WITH PANAMANIAN
ISSUE OF NORTH KOREA'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WHO. KIM
ATTRIBUTED SUCCESS OF VISIT TO GREAT INFLUENCE OF PANAMANIAN AMBASSAD
OR
SUAREZ, RESIDENT IN TOKYO BUT ALSO ACCREDITED TO KOREA, WHO
RETURNED TO PANAMA FOR THE VISIT AND WHO, AS LT. COLONEL IN
NATIONAL GUARD, APPEARS TO HAVE VERY CLOSE PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH GEN. TORRIJOS. AS A RESULT, EVEN
THOUGH TOP PANAMANIAN LEADERS ALMOST TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED BY
SC MEETING, THE FOUND TIME TO MEET WITH VICE FONMIN YUN.
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2. WHEN MISOFF ASKED KIM FOR HIS IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT SC
MEETING, HE REPLIED THAT MOS LAS, WHILE REALIZING NECESSITY

FOR PUBLICLY ENDORSING PANAMA' S POSITION ON CANAL ISSUE, PRIVATELY INDICATED THAT THEY WERE NOT HAPPY ABOUT BEING INVOLVED IN BILATERAL ISSUE OF LITTLE DIRECT CONCERN TO THEM. KIM SAID ROK UNDERSTOOD THAT US HAD TO USE VETO ON UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION DIRECTLY AFFECTING US INTERESTS BUT THAT ROK ALSO" UNDERSTOOD" PANAMA' S INSISTENCE ON " NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY". HE ADDED THAT LA REPS WITH WHOM HE TALKED IN PANAMA HAD REACTED VERY BADLY TO US VETO ON LA ISSUE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THEY FELT IT WAS FIRST TIME US HAD ADVERTISED IN ADVANCE THAT IT MIGHT USE VETO.
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